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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAKAR IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BANGUI IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PFOR, AO

SUBJECT: ANGOLA: HOLDING THE LINE

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY REQUEST MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OR  
IF THAT IMPOSSIBLE FONMIN TO STATE FOLLOWING FROM SECRETARY:

1) USG GREATLY APPRECIATE CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION TAKEN BY  
HIS COUNTRY IN ANGOLAN MATTER AND EFFORTS MADE TO CONVINCE  
OTHER AFRICAN STATES OF DANGER REPRESENTED BY MASSIVE  
SOVIET INTERVENTION THERE.

2) THE PRESIDENT SHOULD KNOW THAT DESPITE THE RECENT  
CONGRESSIONAL DISCUSSIONS HERE, WE STILL HAVE SUFFICIENT  
FUNDS AVAILABLE TO CONTINUE OUR PROGRAM OF RESISTANCE TO

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SOVIET INTERVENTION OVER THE IMMEDIATE PERIOD AHEAD. AND,

WE WILL HAVE A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO GO BACK TO THE CONGRESS  
FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN JANUARY.

3) WE WISH TO REASSURE HIM THAT USG DETERMINATION TO  
CONTINUE TO RESIST SOVIET ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH DOMINATING  
POSITION IN ANGOLA HAS NOT DIMINISHED. ONLY IF WE  
DEMONSTRATE OUR RESOLVE BY THIS RESISTANCE CAN WE HOPE TO  
ACHIEVE THE SOLUTION WE SEEK. IN COLLABORATION WITH (HOST  
COUNTRY) AND OTHERS WE WILL MEET THE CHALLENGE. THIS IS A  
CRITICAL PERIOD IN WHICH WE MUST KEEP A STEADY COURSE.  
USG IS EXPLORING OTHER OPTIONS WHICH, IF THEY  
PROVE NECESSARY, WILL PERMIT US TO MOVE AHEAD WITH  
CONFIDENCE.

4) WE URGE (HOST GOVERNMENT) TO CONTINUE  
ITS EFFECTIVE EFFORTS WITH OTHER AFRICAN STATES  
TO ADHERE TO THE OAU POSITION OF RECOGNIZING NO FACTION  
IN ANGOLA. IN ADDITION WE BELIEVE IT IS PARTICULARLY  
USEFUL THAT SUCH RESPECTED LEADER AS (PRESIDENT OF HOST  
GOVERNMENT) CAN MAKE CLEAR TO OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS THE  
THREAT REPRESENTED BY THE SOVIET INTERVENTION.

5) IN ADDITION, DURING THE INTERIM BEFORE JANUARY OAU  
MEETING ON ANGOLA, WE SUSPECT PRO-MPLA AFRICAN STATES  
MAY MAKE CONCERTED DRIVE TO INCREASE NUMBER OF AFRICAN  
STATES RECOGNIZING MPLA TO POINT THAT, BY SHEER NUMBERS,  
OAU DECISIONS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THEM. SINCE OUR  
COMMON POSITION IS TO ACHIEVE NEGOTIATED SOLUTION WITHIN  
PURELY ANGOLAN AND AFRICAN CONTEXT THE SUCCESS OF SUCH A  
DRIVE COULD PRODUCE EXACTLY OPPOSITE RESULT. IT WOULD  
BE BETTER TO AVOID ANY OAU ACTION IF IT LIKELY TO BE  
ADVERSE. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT(HEAD HOST GOVERNMENT)  
REDOUBLE HIS EFFORTS, DURING THIS UNCERTAIN AND  
POSSIBLY DECISIVE PERIOD, TO BLOCK POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER  
AFRICAN RECOGNITION OF MPLA.

6) FOR LIBREVILLE, ABIDJAN, DAKAR: THE SECRETARY  
BELIEVES IT IS ESSENTIAL AT THIS TIME TO MAINTAIN OUR  
COMMON STRATEGY TOWARDS ANGOLA, AND IS ASKING HIS NEW  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR  
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WILLIAM SCHAUFLE, TO TRAVEL TO (HOST COUNTRY) NEXT WEEK  
FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE (PRESIDENT OF HOST GOVERNMENT)  
ON THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA IF THE (HEAD HOST GOVERNMENT)  
BELIEVES THAT SUCH AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WOULD BE USEFUL.

7) FYI: OUR MAJOR AIM WITH THIS MESSAGE IS TO HEAD OFF  
ANY IMMINENT PANIC WHICH MIGHT HAVE UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS  
ON ANGOLAN SITUATION. END FYI. KISSINGER

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